

COCHRANE PICKLEBALL RATINGS POLICY

Amended June 25th, 2024

Criteria for a Skill Rating: (Official Club Rating)

2.0 - Must have completed Introductory course given by the Cochrane Pickleball Club, or have at least 3 months of playing experience.

2.5 - Attend a Round Robin and be observed by the Ratings Committee (RC). Must have required skills as indicated in the CPSG (Cochrane Pickleball Skill Guide)

3.0 - Must undergo and be successful at a full, 2 part Skill assessment conducted by the Ratings Committee. (see "What is a Rating" for description of 2 part Skill assessment)

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- ❖ **Initial Club Rating will be conducted free of charge, regardless of the level**
 - ❖ **Any Rating requested for promotion to 3.0 and above will be charged \$20 per session.**
 - ❖ **These funds will be deposited directly into the COPC account for Club use, and must be paid prior to the Rating session. This fee is non-refundable.**
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- **A Member is required to wait at least 30 days between each of the Assessments**
 - **Club Members are allowed up to two ratings per season.**
 - **There will be no Skill Assessments conducted after the Members Tournament 2024.**

When playing in any scheduled event such as Round Robins or Skills and Drills, the only acceptable rating is a Cochrane Outdoor Pickleball Club Skill Rating that has been assigned by the Ratings Director.

A rating is not required to participate in Open play or Rec play.

DUPR, Pickleball Brackets or CTPR ratings are not considered to be a valid within the Cochrane Pickleball Club.

Those players who had only a DUPR rating during the 2023 season were sent an email giving them the opportunity to apply for a Skill Rating before seasons end. Those who chose not to take a Skill Assessment will need to undergo one this season in order to qualify to play in any rated event, including round robins, skills and drills.

Round Robin Requirements

Any player who would like to participate in a Round Robin Event must have a recognized Cochrane Pickleball Club Rating. Skill ratings will carry over from the previous year and are on record with the Ratings Director.

All RR Captains will be advised of rules and Guidelines governing Round Robin play and shall follow the policies.

- Captains should be updated weekly with eligibility lists.
- RR Captains shall ensure that all players within the Round Robin event have a valid COPC Rating as listed with the Ratings Director.

- It is suggested that Round Robin Captains fill their events by adding players in this order:
 - Adding up to 2 players from:
 - Higher level player any gender
 - the same level opposite gender (eg: 3.5 Women can invite 3.5 Male)
 - The next lower level male or female.

This policy was created so as to maintain the integrity of the group, and to ensure that all players will have a good experience.

**In making your decisions, please keep the interest of your group in mind.*

Regarding Player Development (Clinics):

Any player wishing to take part in Skills and Drills, or any other teaching clinic sponsored by the COPC must have a recognized skill rating at the advertised level for the event.

Because there is limited court time available to offer these events, please give other players an opportunity to attend by limiting your participation to every clinic.

Tournament Play by Members

(This will be determined with the assistance of the Ratings Committee)

If a Club Player enters a Sanctioned Tournament below their current Club Skill Level, they may be re-assessed to that level unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

This is entirely at the discretion of the Club's Rating Director.

We do not encourage "sandbagging" as it takes opportunities away from the players truly playing at that level.